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Dear Mr. Mexic:

Thank you for your letter of October 28, 2003, reporting completion of filing a new U.S. Patent Application. We appreciate your assistance so much in this matter.

Referring this case, please find enclosed herewith copies of the documents for the Information Disclosure Statement. Please file the same in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. We would like to receive your Debit Note concerning this matter as soon as possible. Your early prosecution will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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